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Tailor-Made Suits..... $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ Price.
Fine Zephyr Gingham reduced from 25c to.....12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c

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THE CITY REFUND.

Mayor Sweeney and Receiver Forgy Ask for Suggestions

FROM MUNICIPAL INVESTORS

Of the Country Relative to a Three Per-cent Refund of the Indebtedness of the City of Wheeling—Their Circular Letter Goes to all the Money Centers of the Country to-day—Statement of Bounded Debt.

The circular letter prepared by Mayor Sweeney and Receiver Forgy at the instance of the special council committee in whose hands was placed the project of refunding the city's indebtedness, will be mailed to-day to investors in municipal securities all over the country, and upon the answers received will rest the success or failure of the refund movement. In the letter, investors are asked to express their views on a 3 per cent Wheeling bond. The present average rate of interest on the bonds is nearly 5 per cent, so if the refund at 3 per cent goes through there will be a very large saving in interest charges.

The circular to be sent out to-day is as follows:

OFFICE OF CITY RECEIVER, WHEELING, W. Va., July 1.

Gentlemen—The City of Wheeling has under consideration the refunding of its indebtedness. We take this method of ascertaining the views of such bankers and bond-buyers as will kindly favor us with their opinion, as to the best method to pursue in the matter. The city is confident it is paying an average rate of interest much in excess of prevailing rates, and much more than its ability and resources of credit warrant us in presuming a new loan can be placed at. The following tabulated statement is a resume of balances of loans, &c., to January 1, 1900, the principal and interest due this year being provided for:

Name	Date	Amount	Balance Int.
Compromise Loan.....	1889	\$20,000 00	\$2,000 00
Bonds of.....	1881	151,500 00	84,500 00
Bonds of.....	1885	20,000 00	25,250 00
Bonds of.....	1886	80,000 00	10,000 00
Electric Light Loan.....	1891	30,500 00	30,500 00
Main Street Bridge bonds, 1st series, 1890		10,000 00	10,000 00
Main Street Bridge bonds, 2d series, 1891		10,000 00	10,000 00
Water Works, Loan on Contract.....		10,000 00	10,000 00
Outstanding accepted city orders, (variable)		\$58,700 00	

"The second series of Main street bridge bonds, by a special agreement with the buyers, are redeemable in series, and cannot be 'called in'." "The water works belongs to the city, and is under control of a board of trustees, appointed by council. The annual revenue of the works, about \$100,000, is apportioned by council to the use of the board and by consent of council the board appropriates for improvements, which it pays for out of its revenue, in such amount as can be spared after paying the contingent expense of the works, extension usually a part of the city debt, but it is deemed advisable to include the refund, in order to relieve the water board and permit the use of its revenues by the finance committee.

No increase of the city's debt is contemplated, aside from including with it the debt of the water board, and, as is shown, the net revenue of the water works is ample to provide not only for this increase, but to assist in paying the general indebtedness of the city.

Not only is the city paying too great a rate of interest, but the opinion prevails among those who have given the matter thought that it is paying its debts too rapidly. Nearly \$34,000, 00 is required this year to pay upon principal of maturing bonds, the water board has been allowed over \$74,000 00 to pay upon its contracts, a total of \$108,000 00,

or nearly 15 per cent of the total indebtedness. The city owns its own gas works and an electric light plant; the revenues of the gas works are more than sufficient to pay its expenses, but as the expenses of the electric plant, used for street lighting only, are paid out of the revenues of the gas works, a deficit occurs this year, to be paid out of the city's general fund, amounting to over \$4,000. It is only by stinting the different departments in the amount of appropriations asked for, and by the exercise of rigid economy that we have been able to make ends meet without an increase of tax rate.

An act of the legislature of West Virginia, authorizing municipal corporations to issue bonds, forbids the issuance of bonds, payable in less than ten years nor in more than thirty-four years. The same act prohibits the creation of a debt of any kind to exceed five per cent of the value of taxable property in the city, to be ascertained by the last assessment for state and county taxes. As this amount exceeds \$10,000,000 we are safely within the limit. We might enlarge upon this, but believe we have already exceeded the limit of brevity that should characterize a letter of business inquiry.

The data we seek is briefly this:—Can we, in your opinion, say, with truth to our citizens, who must agree to the issuance of bonds at a special election to determine the question: "We can float a loan of over six hundred thousand dollars, bearing 3 per cent interest, at not less than par?"

Secondly, Are not the best results obtainable by making the bonds payable in series, the ordinance authorizing the loan to state specifically, by their numbers, which bonds are to be paid each year, beginning with first year of redemption, or can you suggest a better way?

Thirdly, If it were possible to make the bonds redeemable after the first year and payable within twenty-five years, would it be advisable to do so?

In event of the issue of a 10-34 year loan would it not be advisable to begin, in the first year, the creation of a sinking fund, depositing then and annually thereafter, during the life of the loan three per cent of the entire amount issued, the sinking fund and any interest derived therefrom to be used for no other purpose than the payment of the bonds, interest and legitimate expenses of the particular loan?

In conclusion please bear in mind we have no authority to ask for bids upon a loan, our citizens have not yet consented to issue. Our sole purpose is to show you the condition of our finances, and ask your kind opinion of the particular loan?

Amount	Balance Int.
Issued	Jan. 1890
Jan. 1890	Rate
Nov. 1891	Rate
July 1892	Rate
Oct. 1893	Rate
July 1894	Rate
Nov. 1895	Rate
On demand	

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MEYER'S \$1.50 Bicycle Shoes for \$1.25 at McFadden's.

THE TELEPHONE ORDINANCE.

No Provision That There Will be an Underground System.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer. SIR:—The truly remarkable ordinance, which met the approval of at least four members of the committee on ordinances, granting rights to the National Telephone Company, appears to contain no requirement that the underground system, if the company is ever pleased to construct one, shall be at any particular depth below the surface of the street. The lawful custodians of city streets, the board of public works, is not to control this company.

The ordinance of the city required the present telephone company to construct its conduits not less than three and one-half feet in clay ground, and five feet in sand or gravel, beneath the surface of the roadway of the street or alley. Why were these reasonable requirements in the interest of the city, which had been strictly imposed upon the old company, carefully omitted from the franchise of the new? What caused this discrimination? An anxious public, jealous of its rights, has every reason to demand an explanation.

Messrs. Councilmen, give your reasons for making a job of one company and fowl of another.

Speak out, for you are personally interested in making this plan.

WHEELING, June 30.

UNIFORM RANK K. O. P.

Coeur de Leon Company Will Picnic at Mozart Park on the Fourth.

Next Tuesday is the glorious Fourth of July and while there will be no celebration in the way of a public demonstration of the first anniversary of the battle of Santiago harbor and the signing of the declaration of Independence 113 years ago, Coeur de Leon Company No. 1 Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, will commemorate those two historic events by giving a picnic at Mozart park. The boys of the company have been preparing for the event for weeks and have everything arranged to make their picnic the greatest of the season.

Meister's full brass band and orchestra have been engaged and will furnish the concert and dancing music. The dancing and general amusements will begin at 2 o'clock p. m. and continue until midnight. There will be a fireworks display of fireworks in the evening. A prize will be awarded to the person making the highest individual score on the bowling alley during the day.

The street railway line will have all its cars in operation on that day, so there will be excellent accommodations to and from the park. Cars will run until after midnight.

THE RAILROADS.

General Manager Underwood, of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad has a plan to unify and simplify the titles of officials. Several of the officers have duties to perform which are not shown by their official designation, and on July 1 the following changes will be made:

Harvey Middleton, now general superintendent of motive power, will be mechanical superintendent in charge of all shops and the construction of and repairs to locomotives and cars.

David Lee, engineer, maintenance of way, lines west of Ohio river, will be superintendent maintenance of way, trans-Ohio division, and D. A. Williams will be superintendent of stores.

Wheeling Park Fourth of July Programme include \$400.00 Fireworks Display.

DIPHTHERIA relieved in twenty minutes. Almost miraculous. Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil. At any drug store.

UNION made solid leather working shoes for \$1.50 at McFadden's.

LARGEST LIFE INSURANCE

Ever Written in West Virginia.

Mr. George Baird, agent of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, wrote and delivered this week in one day two one hundred thousand dollar policies. This represents the largest business ever done by an agent in this state, and we doubt if it has before been equaled in any state. The magnitude of this transaction becomes apparent when it is understood that the aggregate payments to be made on these policies in twenty years will amount to about \$125,000. The revenue stamps affixed to them cost \$100.

Such enormous transactions as this would seem to indicate that business men with capital to invest consider the policies now issued by the great life insurance companies, providing for automatic paid-up insurance, extended insurance, liberal loans and large cash surrender values, as first-class business investments.

UNSTINTED PRAISE.

The New York Sun's Review of the Forepaugh-Sells Aggregation.

The New York Sun, in reviewing the inaugural performance of the combined Adam Forepaugh and Sells Brothers circuses, said:

"Last night set the circus ball a-rolling. The united Forepaugh and Sells circuses took possession of the Garden, and for two hours and a half three rings and a platform did all in their power to make the audience cross-eyed in three directions at once."

"From time immemorial the Forepaugh show has been noted for the surpassing excellence of its trained animals. Last night the circus lived up to its reputation. From the trained seals to the educated elephants the animals seemed clever enough to be college graduates. In this respect, at least, the show. The grand triumphal entry was more gorgeous than usual, and the hippodrome events were cleverly handled. In between the acts in the rings, making a very welcome break in the succession of stunts."

"Another feature which was far above the average was the clown contingent. Some of them were really comical last night, and they worked with an enthusiasm and dash that was really effective. The Hanlon, in their trapeze act, were the most thrilling feature of the programme, but there were a number of other mid-air feats which ran them close for first honors."

"For many the most interesting act of all was William Gorman's feat of driving thirty-five Kentucky thoroughbreds at a gallop three times around the ring. The bills announce Gorman as 'the Apollo Belvidere' of horsemen, and he certainly succeeds in living up to the title."

"The riders are unusually fine, and include Oscar Lowande, Stick Davenport, William De Mott, Sam Bennett, the Correas and the Davenes."

"The Melroses give an uncommonly interesting aerial bicycle act, and Frank Melville's trained ponies captured all hearts by their beauty even more than by their intelligence."

"In order to size up the Sells Brothers-Forepaugh shows in a readily comprehensible way it may be said that it employs fully as many experts as the Barnum & Bailey shows ever did, except where the last named concern present great theatrical spectacles. The present entertainment is a circus, first, last and all the time. It seemed to give much satisfaction to the multitude which saw it."

"Varieties of 'horse opera' hereabouts will have an opportunity to revel in the cent where the last named attractions of the Forepaugh-Sells combination Saturday, July 15."

The Famous Tyrolean Singers, direct from the Island Midway, and Concert by Opera House Military Band at Wheeling Park Sunday afternoon.

OHIO Street Yachts land at the only entrance to Elks' fair.

GENUINE \$2.50 silk top tan shoes for \$1.98 at McFadden's.

THE Warfield yacht is the quickest and shortest route to the Midway.

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"A Day Too Late, as Well as a Year Too Late."

—The Koran.

To-day the half years change—the old one ends, the new begins. Now is the time to open your savings account with the

MUTUAL SAVINGS BANK, - - - - 1521 Market Street.

Elks' Oriental Street Carnival,

ART AND INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION.

JUNE 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 AND JULY 1.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF

..Wheeling Lodge No. 28..

B. P. O. ELKS.

An Unrivalled Mercantile and Industrial Display. Business and Manufacturing Interests Co-operate with the Elks, to the end that it may be Wheeling's Gala Week. A Gorgeous, Realistic, Faithful Reproduction of the Famed World's Fair Midway. The Strange Tribes of the Orient. The Huge Quadrupeds of Asia and Africa. The Streets of Cairo. Camels and Donkeys, together with their native keepers. Native Hindoos, Japanese, Arabs, Turks and Egyptians. Special Features Daily. Madame Leroy, the World-Famed Aeronaut. Gardner Bros. in a scientific and refined boxing exhibition. The Baby Show. The Little German Band. Public Marriage, Cake Walk, Pie-Eating Contest, Fireworks at Night, etc., etc.

OPEN AFTERNOONS AND EVENINGS.

Monday, June 26,

A Glittering, Scintillating, Dazzling, Gorgeous STREET PAGEANT, after which the Exposition will be formally opened by Governor G. W. Atkinson.

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\$3.75 For \$6.00 Carriages.
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Best in the world at the price. Family size, charcoal sheathing, galvanized iron shelves, automatic air-tight locks and hinges. All inner fixings are detachable for easy cleaning.



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This is an extra strong door, of natural walnut stained wood. It is well made and will not warp. Never before sold for less than 90c. Our sale price with hinges complete 60c.

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For 10c Extension Screens.
For patent spring and extension slide style. Good size. Regular price 20c.



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48c

For 75c Tea Kettles.

\$3.98

For \$7.50 Ice Chest.

89c

For \$1.50 Leather Satchels.

35c

For 85c Parlor Stands.

19c

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